

## Local Youth Take Part In Staunton Community Chest Parade



Sammy Wales and Billy Painter were among those Cub Scouts who took part in the Community Chest's Annual Campaign in a parade staged in Staunton on Saturday afternoon, October 30.

The entire parade was made up of children representing the various organizations which receive help from the Community Chest.

Sammy and Bill are members of one of the Cub Scout Troops which has its headquarters in the Old Stone Church.

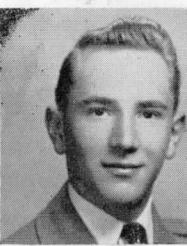
The children originated the idea of their floats and many of them expressed their ideas with the various phases of American history.

Some were dressed in "Daniel Boone" garb pulling miniature covered wagons while others were dressed as Indians.

## Quill-Scroll Society Awards Bayonet First Place Honors For Sixth Consecutive Year

Edward Nell, Executive Secretary of Quill and Scroll—International Honorary Society for High School Journalists—with headquarters at Northwestern University Chicago, Ill., has announced that the 1953-54 Bayonet of the Augusta Military Academy has won International First place Award for the 6th consecutive year.

Jimmy Hollar



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The 1953-54 edition of the Bayonet fell 26 points short of making the highest possible rating awarded by this journalistic society.

The newspaper was judged on the following points: (1) As a News Medium to inform Readers;

Editor (2) As a Leadership Medium to Influence Readers; (3) As a Feature Medium to Entertain Readers; (4) As a Business Enterprise.

High Scores

were more or less evenly divided among all four points with the Business Enterprise taking the highest points in scores.

Jimmy Hollar and Adrian Howard were editors of the 1953-54 Bayonet while Jack Jones was Business Manager.

Business



Adrian Howard

Hollar also is a second year cadet and out for varsity football, varsity basketball, member of the Rollar Rifles, tennis and is associated with the 1955 Recall.

Jones is now a member of the United States Air Corps and at the

## Army Releases Change In Previous Decision Affecting ROTC Units

The Army partially reversed a previous decision today by announcing the establishment of a schools division of the Reserve Officers Training Corps (ROTC).

The new system, scheduled to go into effect in the 1955-56 school year, will limit membership in junior colleges and 34 military institutes. Five of the military institutes are in Virginia.

The Army had decided last year to limit military training leading to a commission to men in four-year, senior colleges. The new decision entitles a man to a reserve commission if he completes six years' training in a preparatory school and junior college, then goes on to get a college degree.

The man also must attend summer camp between his junior and senior college terms in order to gain a commission.

Each institution must maintain a minimum enrollment of 100 students in order to retain eligibility for membership in the military schools division.

The Virginia schools included in the program are:

Augusta Military Academy, Fort Defiance, Va.; Fishburne Military School, Waynesboro, Va.; Fork Union, Military Academy, Fork Union, Va.; Massanutton Military Academy, Woodstock, Va.; and Staunton Military Academy, Staunton, Va.

present is stationed at Camp Carson, Col. He was business manager for both the Recall and the Bayonet and was named to membership to the Quill and Scroll Society.

## Principal Appoints F. E. Wirkus, Pres. Of Student Officers

F. E. Wirkus was named president of the Student Body Officers by Col. Charles S. Roller, Jr., principal.

To assist him in carrying out the duties of the Officers of the Student Body, Roy Pope was named Vice-President; Chip Ray, Secretary; T. C. Lea, Treasurer; Jack Meier and Ed Bruke, Sergeant-at-Arms. Hugo Fleites, Spanish Representative.

These cadets automatically become the officers of the Honor Court.

## Rev. S. R. Tyler Talks To Cadet Assemblies On Opening Weekend

Sunday, Sept. 20 was opened with a special church service held in Memorial Gymnasium and closed with the opening session of the Cadet Y.M.C.A.

The Rev. S. Roger Tyler of the Trinity Episcopal Church, Huntington, W. Va., delivered the sermon to the cadets, assembled in Memorial Gymnasium. Dr. Tyler admonished the boys to learn to paint "pictures of gold, framed in silver," to learn kindness, courtesy, and manners, and to put themselves into all phases of the activities which make a cadet's life well-rounded.

At 4:00 P. M. the first dress parade was held on the parade grounds with Cadet First Captain F. E. Wirkus commanding the battalion.

Col. and Mrs. Roller feted the corps and patrons and friends of the Academy at a buffet supper, following the parade. The cadets were served plates of chicken salad, old Virginia ham, potato chips, pickles, olives, cheese sandwiches, deviled eggs, stuffed celery, cookie, and punch.

At the opening session of the YMCA presided over by Cadet Shelden Quimby of Pennsylvania, Cadet Bruce Haynes of Washington offered a solo of "The Old Rugged Cross," accompanied by Mrs. Warren S. Robinson.

The Rev. Mr. Tyler addressed the cadets on his recent trip to Europe, painting conditions in the various countries, and emphasizing the love which the Europeans have for the Americans, especially Abraham Lincoln, George Marshall and President Eisenhower. The program was closed with special music by the cadet choir under the direction of Capt. Farrow.

## Cadets Attend Barter Theatre Play, 'Macbeth'

Thirteen cadets attended the Barter Theatre performance of William Shakespeare's "Macbeth" at the King Auditorium, Mary Baldwin College, Staunton, Va., on Nov. 5.

The cadets were taken to Staunton in the school bus and they returned after the performance.

Those attending were: F. E. Wirkus, Chip Ray, Jack Genau, Bruce Haynes, Jack King, Sheldon Quimby, Steve Tomasek, Martin Cohen, Roy Pope, Jim Hassell, Hugo Fleites, T. C. Lea, students of English III and IV.

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### Game With F.M.S., Permits, Banquet, Awards, Dance Features Long Thanksgiving Weekend

The football classic between Augusta and Fishburne will feature the Thanksgiving week-end which begins Thursday, Nov. 25 and ends Sunday, Nov. 28.

Thanksgiving will be a holiday. Breakfast will be served at 8:00 A. M. Leave permits will go in effect after breakfast and will be limited to Harrisonburg, Staunton, and Waynesboro.

No furloughs will be granted this date. Game formation will go at 1:30 P. M. All cadets must be in ranks at that time.

Following the game, leave will be granted to all cadets until 11:00 P. M. Football players will be given an extra hour until 12:00 P. M.

School will be held Friday. At 6:30 in the school dining commons, the annual football and Thanksgiving Banquet will be given to the cadet corps, faculty, patrons and invited guests by Col. and Mrs. Charles S. Roller, Jr.

At the conclusion of the meal Varsity Monograms will be awarded the members of the 1954 Varsity Football Team by Col. Roller.

The winner of the Gold Football Award will be announced at that time. Coaches Jim Taylor and Cyrus Gibbs will make short addresses.

### Navy Announces 9th NROTC Examinations

The ninth annual competitive exam for high school seniors who desire to attend college and train for careers as Naval officers will be held throughout the nation on December 11, the Navy has announced. Applications are now available but must be received by November 20, the announcement adds. They may be secured at all high schools, colleges, U. S. Navy recruiting stations, or direct from the Chief of Naval Personnel, Washington, D. C.

Successful candidates will begin their careers in 1955, with substantial financial assistance from the government. Graduates will be commissioned in the Regular Navy or Marine Corps for active duty. Approximately 1,800 young men will be selected.

### One Academic Man, Two Military Officers Join Faculty At Opening Of New Fall Term

Major James V. Christy and Capt. Cyrus L. Gibbs assumed their positions with the R.O.T.C. Department as Lt. James A. Coleman took over his duties in the Academic department with the opening of the fall term.

Major Christy succeeded Major Albert S. Dalby as P.M.S.T. Capt. Gibbs will be the assistant P.M.S.T.

Lt. Coleman will teach in the Junior School.

Major Christy was appointed to United States Military Academy in 1940 and was graduated in 1943. He served in the European Theatre of Operation during World War II and late became instructor at his Alma Mater. After this period of service he was assigned to duty in Germany and thence to Augusta.

Capt. Gibbs entered the Service from Texas in 1938. He served in

### Cotillion Club Holds Its First Formal Dance

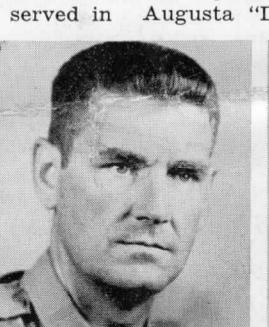
The Cotillion Club held its opening Formal Dance, Friday evening, Nov. 6 in Memorial Gymnasium

Memorial gymnasium was transformed into a crisp fall ballroom, with an entrance tunnel of white and green streamers. The sides of the hall were covered with alternate bands of green and white, and the ceiling was covered with pale blue-green paper, with stars of white light shining through.

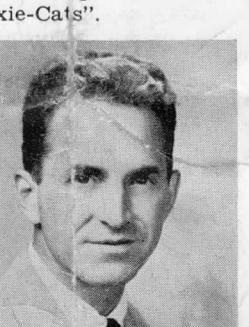
The sides of the bandstand were patterned with twisted green and straight green streamers on one side and twisted white and straight white streamers on the other side. Framing the stage were white trellises covered with flowers.



Major James V. Christy  
P. M. S. T.



Capt. Cyrus L. Gibbs  
P. M. S. T.



Lt. J. A. Coleman, Jr.  
Junior School

## Honor—A Cadet's Most Honored Possession

Honor is an elusive which none can exactly define, and yet we all know what it is, and by its presence, or absence, in an individual we judge him, not as a good fellow but as one we can and do trust. Honor has its Code—those laws which no man may transgress and be respected, which no Augusta cadet can or will ignore.

First in the Code is Loyalty—to one's country, Augusta, one's ideals and to those both above and below in the scale of life.

Next is Truth—which has a catholicity of application many do not realize. In the recitation room the honorable man is the one whose work is his own, who frits the examination without outside aid. In conversation he does not spread unconfirmed stories as truth, or claim or give credit falsely for thought or act. Only he who always speaks truth and does not fear its consequences is an honorable man.

The honorable man does not expect from other what others may not expect from him. When wrong, he openly admits his error. If punished rightly or wrongly, he does not wince or seek toadying to alleviate his lot—he is too proud. Honor requires that he discharge all debts, material or otherwise, and forbids him ever to take advantage of another.

The last essential of honor is keeping one's word. An old phrase is "A gentleman's word is his bond." A gentleman is merely a man of proved and recognized honor, and it is such that Augusta expects graduates and students to be, in whatever walk of life they may be called to represent their Alma Mater. It is the student's loftiest privilege to guard the honor of Augusta.

## We Have Much To Be Thankful For

Traditionally, the spirit of Thanksgiving hasn't changed from the date of its origin. On the first Thanksgiving Day the early settlers gave thanks for being free of religious, political, and personal persecution as well as for their many other blessings. Today we give thanks for the courage of our forefathers in founding our great America as well as for our many other blessings which seem so numerous as compared with those of our nation's founders.

Yes, we, the American people, truly have much to be thankful for, and so many of these blessings are just taken for granted. Living in a land of opportunity and plenty, during these troubled days in other parts of the world, is a blessing for which we should all be mighty thankful.

Perhaps more important than all the rest of our blessings are the freedoms that are ours . . . freedoms that allow us to think, read, speak and worship as we please . . . freedoms that can't be measured in terms of money . . . freedoms that affect each of us individually in our way of life. The privilege, for example, to live and work in a fine, friendly and prosperous community like ours. Let us on this Thanksgiving Day give thanks to Him who has blessed us so richly, and pray that our community may continue to prosper and our great country may always remain ". . . the land land of the free and the home of the brave".

## Time For Everything, Including Academics

Many of the cadets at A.M.A. who haven't gotten adjusted to the life are complaining about the lack of spare time around a military school, especially here. We still find some old cadets who complain about the same thing. This is just natural, for we are rushed a great deal. It is true that we are always on the go, but there is one thing that has retained its place as being the one that requires most of our time and energy. That is our school work. This must come before all the rest of our activities, for it is the main reason that we are here.

The boy who is always complaining about the amount of homework a certain teacher gives him, on the other hand, spend most of the afternoon in the PX, shooting the breeze.

Now is the time for all of us to get down to the work that has been laid before us, for this can mean the making of us or the breaking of us in our future years in high school or college. This can only be accomplished by you, and only your, hard work. You know that you don't get anything for nothing in this world.

## We Need Candidates For The Bayonet And The Recall

During the past eight years the Bayonet and the Recall have won enviable positions of honors in national contests. This was due to the work of many cadets who were interested in bettering all previous publication records.

Again this year we have chosen as our goal an even better and larger school paper and yearbook but can achieve this record only through the help of every cadet in the corps.

No rewards or prizes are offered other than the promise that your English and your way of expression will improve in such a way that your marks in all subjects will increase in the value of grades.

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## I Am Your EDITOR

I am your newspaper editor.

Working through a staff of many editors, all specialists, I concern myself with all the printed matter in your newspaper that is not paid advertising.

These other editors are called managing editor, city editor, sports editor, society editor, business editor, etc. Each in turn handles the news in his own department. The managing editor supervises all the news-gathering.

Across our desks go all the words of news you read in your paper. We must decide what is news. It must be clearly and correctly written. We must find the news if it does not come to us.

The editor must be where news is happening, or see that some staff member is there to watch it. If the school has a graduation, that must be reported. The newspaper must get the news.

Once we have the news in the office, we must edit it, see that the stories are clear, concise, and above all, correct. We cut out unnecessary wortage, check any points that seems unclear, and double-check the news for any erroneous statements.

Then we must fit the news into columns provided for it. All the while we must keep in mind our "space budget" . . . columns to be filled with news, while the rest of the paper carries advertising. There may not be a line too much of news nor yet a line too little. Every edition the paper must be filled exactly.

No opinion must creep into the news columns. The editorial page is where you find the policy of the paper. In our editorials which I write as a portion of my job, you find the policy of the newspaper, some editorials reflect public opinion, some praise endeavors or individuals, some seek to reform where reform is needed, while others criticize where criticism is due.

We editors must be careful if the paper is to succeed. We use local stories at our disposal, buy certain features, and exercise our knowledge of news as a commodity available to the public. All this we must do if our paper, and your paper, is to be wanted by its readers.

Like an ancient Egyptian scribe, like a courtroom reporter, like the secretary of your club, I record the news in your newspaper.

I am your editor.

## I Am Your REPORTER

News is my business. I have no opinions. I give no advice. My interest lies in telling the story as it happened.

You find me in Colonel Roller's office, watching how the boys on the coal pile work. You will find me interviewing Bob Phillips, the skunk hunter. You will find me at football games. I may be one of the men on your stoop. I may be A. M. A., you don't know. But the words I write are the words which appear in your news columns.

My job is to be where the news happens. I watch it happen and observe it carefully. Then I must write it impartially and correctly. There must be no hearsay in my stories.

The statements in my stories must be checked; the facts must be verified; the names must be spelled correctly. My story must tell where, whom it happened to, and, if possible, why.

I may be a new cadet reporting his first opinion of drill; I may be a sports enthusiast reporting the A.M.A.—Fishburne game; I may be a brilliant student of Major McRum 1st Period Algebra Class.

I am your reporter.

## Older Than Augusta County And City Of Staunton

# Augusta Stone Church Played Big Roll In State's History

Few of us realize, as we, the Protestant cadets, ascend the hill to the Old Stone Church, the history behind its founding. The church is a result. It results from the principals that have been in being for a long time. It caused its members to seek homes in this vast unsettled part of the New World.

When the Scotch-Irish first came over to this country, they settled in Pennsylvania and from there entered the Shenandoah Valley of Virginia. The section of Virginia east of the Blue Ridge Mountains had been settled long before this, but the valley was frontier. It was a favorite hunting place for the Indians.

The Governor of this colony encouraged settlers to settle here since it would build up a protection from the Indians for the Eastern part of the state.

A far as we know, the first white men entered the valley under Governor Spotswood in 1776 seventeen years before the found-

ing of Georgia. Governor Spotswood took possession of the valley for King George I of England. There were soon enough people to organize this territory into a county, and so on December 9, 1745, the County of Augusta was organized. The county then contained all of what is now Kentucky, Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, West Virginia and Western Virginia. In 1745, Staunton was known as Beverly's Mill Place.

The earnest act toward establishing a church was in 1737. The request was put before the Presbytery in Donegal, Pennsylvania and denied at the time. But in 1738, the Rev. Mr. James Anderson was sent and he preached in this section of the country. It is not clear what became of Mr. Anderson, but in 1739, the Rev. Mr. Thompson was sent to take his place.

In 1740, the Rev. John Craig was called here to preach. He had been born in a parish in Donegal, Ireland in 1709, so as you can see, he began his ministry here at a rather young age to be in such a wild, unsettled country. He studied well when a boy and was baptized in 1724. He received a Master of Arts degree from the College of Edinburgh. He arrived in this country in 1734 and was sent to the valley. He was ordained here in September, 1740.

Liberty loving and religious people were moving into the valley rapidly. This section, then called Tinkling Spring, and what is now Staunton, had hundreds of people inhabiting it.

The church itself is five years older than Augusta County and somewhat older than the City of Staunton. The church grew rapidly under Dr. Craig's ministrations. In 1742, the parsoners worshipped in a log building that is located in one corner of the old cemetery. The portion of this cabin accounts for the distance of the cemetery from the present church. In 1749 as far as we know, the first church service was held in church records, we discover that the church was completed in 1747, but not worshipped in until 1749. The reason for this is unknown.

The stone for the church was brought on drags pulled by horses. The women brought sand for the mortar on pack horses from the North River. How many weary trips were made to and from the river and what dangers they encountered is unknown. The mortar in the building cannot be duplicated. It is as hard as the limestone which it holds in place. The building was dedicated January 22, 1749.

From 1753 until 1756 was a trying time for the people in the valley. The Indians and French were causing a great deal of trouble on the frontier. With Bradock's defeat in 1755, this country felt unprotected and lost. Many people left the valley. Dr. Craig began plans to build a fort around the church. This was done under his leadership and through a cost of one-third of all his estate. A ridge may still be seen in the rear of the church and on one side marking the boundary of the fort.

In one of Dr. Craig's diaries he says that his congregation was twenty miles wide and thirty miles long. So it is plain that the church influenced people for miles around.

On April 21, 1774, Dr. Craig died and was buried in the old cemetery. On his tombstone, it is stated that he died with fifteen hours affliction. What this affliction was, we do not know.

And so as we worship in the church today and listen to the Rev. Allison tell us the words of God, we think to ourselves of those who gave their all that we might worship as we please today.

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# The Sportlight

By Steve Askin And Warren White  
Bayonet Sports Editors

## 73 Games Have Been Played Between A.M.A. And F.M.S. Since Series Started In 1901

The greatest and longest continuous rivalry between two prep schools in football will be played on Thanksgiving day, the game between the Big Blue A. M. A. and Fishburne.

The first three schools in the country to have football were Yale, Princeton and Harvard and this was begun in 1894. A man named Fenton came to the University of Virginia and in 1857 started football there. This was the first Southern college to participate in this sport. The University had only inter-squad games and one of the players on this team was Holm Curtis. He was secured as a teacher at Augusta where he introduced the then new sport. A.M.A. had two teams, one called Yale and one called Princeton, and they played among themselves.

In 1892, Lucius Dale began the pig-skin game at S. M. A. But it was not until later years that S.M. A. and A. M. A. played.

In 1892, three games were played between Fishburne and Augusta. Colonel "Tom" Roller was a regular back on this team and Colonel "Big Boy" Roller and Doctor Roller played end.

For the first twelve years, all of the All-Americans came from Yale, Harvard and Princeton and they predominated in this respect until 1909 when one Army player and one Navy player were chosen.

Col. Hudgins past superintendent of Fishburne was Colonel Roller's roommate at V.P.I. and he (Col. Hudgins) graduated in 1901 and went to Fishburne where he started the game. Soon after this, Episcopal High School began to play football. We started to play Fishburne in 1901 and in the first thirteen years two games per season were played. If one of the games was tied, a third game was played to decide who the winner would be.

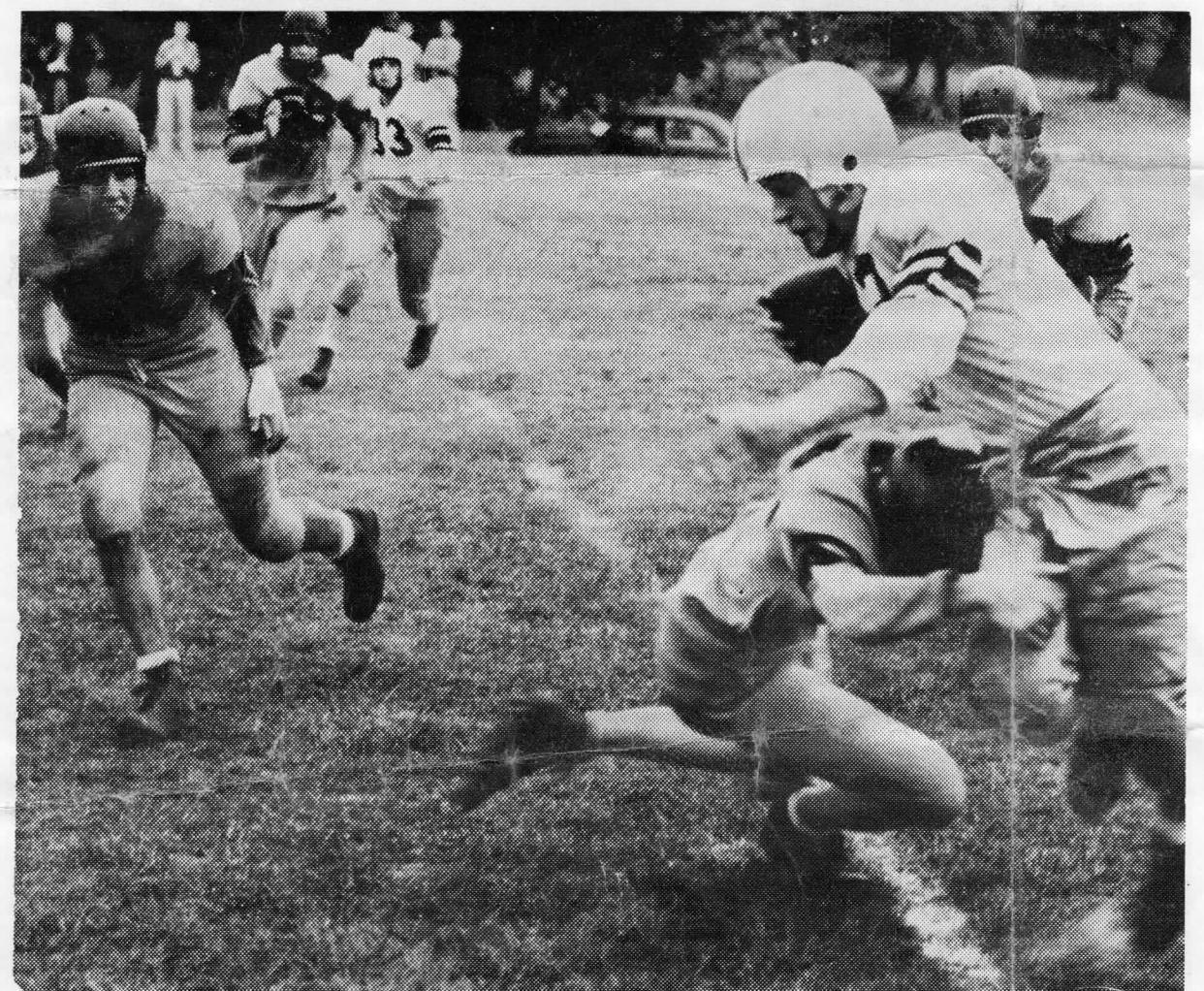
Since 1901, 73 games have been played. This is more than any other college or prep school in the United States has played with any one rival. This series, like all long traditional series, has seen some runaways but the majority of the games have been close, hard fought, sudden death affairs. This is illustrated by such scores as: 6-7 (1925); 9-10 (1926); 7-6 (1942).

Here below are listed the scores for the past 30 years.

A.M.A.	Year	F.M.S.
12	1923	6
7	1924	14
6	1925	7
9	1926	10
0	1926	13
33	1927	13
28	1928	7
28	1929	0
7	1930	9
13	1931	20
32	1932	14
8	1933	33
8	1934	6
6	1935	0
36	1936	7
0	1938	14
0	1939	32
26	1940	0
12	1941	6
7	1942	6
14	1943	0
45	1944	0
12	1945	6
0	1946	6
60	1947	0
32	1948	0
No Game	1949	
25	1950	7
32	1951	12
0	1952	63
0	1953	60

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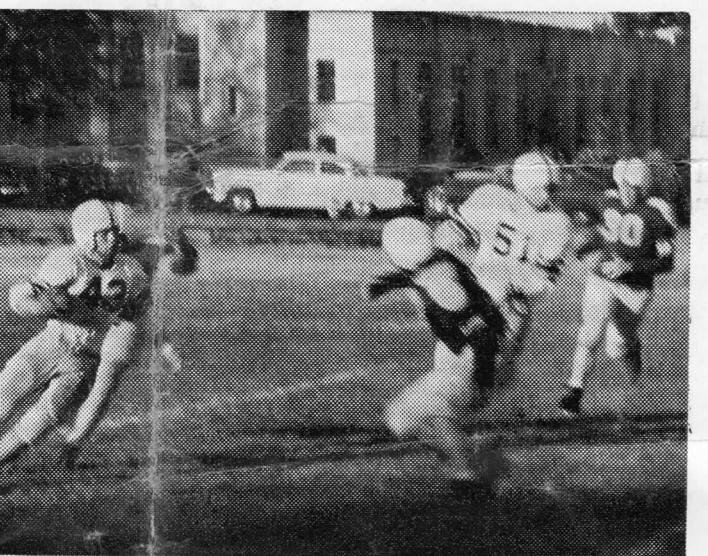
F. E. WIRKUS MAKING 10 YARD ADVANCE AGAINST CULPEPER ELEVEN



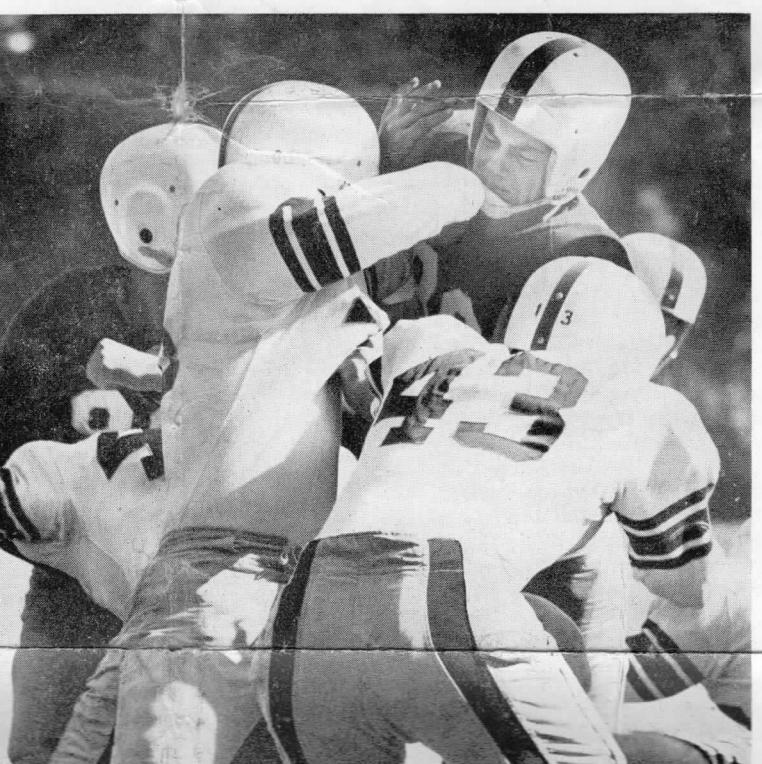
AUGUSTA MILITARY ACADEMY Halfback F. E. Wirkus is stopped by David Goates, Culpeper High School tackler after picking up a couple of yards in Oct. 2's game at Fort Defiance. Culpeper won, 6-0.

# A.M.A. Tops Presbyterian Home 32-0

BRUCE HAYNES GOES AROUND END FOR NICE GAIN



HAYNES (43), KNICELY (51)—A.M.A. in white with Presbyterian in blue-man about to tackle Haynes is Jim Stoddard, 80 is Ray Thomas.



**NO GAME FOR SISSIES**—The lot of an offensive lineman is not a happy one at times as you can see by the expression in VES' center Brent Nash's face. When the photo was snapped, Nash was trying to open a hole for halfback Bootie Cranz to step through as Augusta Military Academy braced on its one yard line yesterday. The Bishops' didn't make it on this play, but went over on the next play. No. 43 of Augusta is linebacker Bruce Haynes. Other man in white is Desroche.

## Tigers Lose In Last 45 Seconds Of Game

The Tigers journeyed to Waynesboro, Oct. 15 and were defeated 6-0 by Fishburne Jayvees in the final 45 seconds of the game.

Augusta's defense was superb throughout the entire game but its attack never got enough steam to puncture the FMS line although it did take the ball to its opponent's two yard stripe.

A penalty against Augusta with Fishburne in possession of the ball placed the ball on the 1 yard stripe with four downs to go. Fishburne was stopped for 3 downs but on the 4th they shot a short pass for a tally.

With 45 seconds to go, Augusta took the ball on the kickoff and ran five plays before being stopped on the FMS 15 yard stripe as the game ended.

## Guy Davis Runs Wild In Roanoke Catholic Tilt

Guy Davis led his Augusta teammates to a 20-6 victory over Roanoke Catholic High Gridders, Sept. 25 in a game played at Roanoke.

Davis scored on two end sweeps and on a pass tossed to him by T. C. Lea.

Roanoke's Kenneth Post scored their only score late in the 4th period on a 25 yard run.

## Steve Askin Tosses 77 Yd. Pass For Best Play Of Game

Presbyterian Home from Lynchburg, Va., came to Fort Defiance with an undefeated and unscorched record only to be whitewashed 32-0 in a game played October 23.

Augusta was the superior team and exhibited the latent power it possessed when it chose to score.

It was slowed down in the first half but came back in the second half to unleash a vicious attack which netted them 26 points and the game.

Outstanding for Augusta were Bruce Haynes, T. C. Lea and Steve Askin who starred at quarter; Guy Davis and Mel Peeler who were instrumental in scoring the tallies while Ed Burke was a standout at defense.

For Presbyterian their quarterback, Don Jones was by far the best man on defense as well as on offense.

The best play of the game was made by Peeler who took a pitch-out from Lea and just as he was about to be tackled, he lateraled to Davis who went remaining distance for a score.

The last play of the game was a 77 yard pass from Askin to Haynes who had gone far behind the Presbyterian's secondary to complete the pass.

### Lineups:

Augusta	Presbyterian
Knicely, l.e.	l.e. Stoddard
Desroche, l.t.	l.t. Thomas
Ray, l.g.	l.g. Stinette
Parraish, c.	c. Ragland
Quimby, r.g.	r.g. Boger
Mahanes, r.t.	r.t. Creasey
Parker, r.e.	r.e. Davis
Haynes, q.b.	q.b. Swisher J.
Burke, r.h.	r.h. Deener
Peeler, f.b.	f.b. Horn
Wirkus, l.h.	l.h. Swisher J.

## Matthews, Tomasek Star As Tigers Top Lee Hi

The Augusta Tigers defeated Lee High Jayvees 13-6 on Oct. 7 in a game played at Ft. Defiance.

Stuart Matthews plowed his way through the Lee Hi Line for 15 yards and the first score late in the second quarter. Buddy Cooper made the extra point.

Early in the 3rd quarter Steve Tomasek intercepted a Lee High pass and scampered forty yards behind the excellent blocking of his teammates to score standing up.

Lee High scored on a pass from Tom Davis to Sonny Nuckles who has gone beyond the Augusta secondary.

## A.M.A. Scares Culpeper But Finally Yields; 6-0

David Goates, Culpeper fullback proved too much for the Augusta team as he led this team to a 6-0 victory October 2 at Ft. Defiance.

Augusta threatened many times but were turned back either by the big Culpeper line or by the endless string of penalties inflicted on the blue and white team just as they started rolling.

Mel Peeler did make a great thrust for a score but was stopped inches from the victory line by Culpeper.

Guy Davis, A.M.A. fleetwing was hurt on the opening kickoff and his absence was felt by his teammates but T. C. Lea, F. E. Wirkus and Mel Peeler picked up some of the slack on Augusta's part.

**INTRA-MURALS**  
**ATHLETICS START THIS WEEK.**  
**WHICH COMPANY WILL BE TOPS?**

## KIWANIS CONVENTION CHAIRMAN C. S. ROLLER GOES OVER FINAL PROGRAM PLANS



**THE PROGRAM IS STUDIED** by Col. Charles S. Roller, Jr., right, general chairman of the Kiwanis convention held in Staunton, with Wilton H. Wallace, district governor, and Harold Grogan, manager of the Staunton-Augusta Chamber of Commerce. At far left is Father James P. Gacquin, former pastor of St. Francis Catholic Church here, who delivered the invocation at the Oct. 7 opening session.

## Jim Hassell Tops October Honor Roll

Jim Hassell made top honors on the October Honor Roll with the average of 97 in all of his subjects.

**Jim is Captain of "D" Company and is now engaged in fencing. He is a Senior and is scheduled to be graduated in June 1955.**

The balance of the Honor Roll in order of their grades is: Tom Petty, Willis Lovell, Larry Spillan, Bob McVey, Tom Turner, Steve Tomasek, Freddy Womer, Larry Long and Martin Cohen.

To be eligible for the Honor Roll a cadet must average 90 or above in all of his subjects.

(The editor noted that 6 of the above 10 were cadets in the Junior School, and one upper school cadet who was out for football

## Luke Snyder Heads Principal's Special List

Luke Snyder was high man on Col. Roller's Special Priviledge List which includes all cadets making between 85 and 89 on all of their subjects.

His average was 88.86 for the month. The remainder of the list was: George Petty, T. C. Lea, Tim Staudt, Marker Lovell, Roger Quimby, Dick Burrell, George Webster, David Rhode, John Lovell, Lyle Wagner, Adrian Howard, Wayne Weiner, Bill Jaeger, Bill Johnston, Ricki Morgan and F. E. Wirkus.

(The editor noted that 5 of the 17 cadets on this list were out for football and that 2 cadet captains were among the same 5.)

## School Term Opens With Big Cadet Corps

The 96th term at Augusta was formerly opened Saturday, Sept. 19 when Col. Charles S. Roller, Jr., officially welcomed cadets and faculty at a special assembly held in the Assembly Hall.

After a few words of welcome Col. Roller introduced the speaker, Dr. J. W. McKenzie, President of Mary Baldwin College, Staunton, Virginia.

The cadet corps for the session 1954-55 is 30% larger than last year with cadets from thirty-five states and seven foreign countries being represented in its roster.

## National Voting Day

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1891. Secret voting for Congressmen became Federal law in 1875.

### Kangaroo Ballot

So many kinds, shapes, and colors of paper ballots were being used—often to deceive—that for a new system the United States went all the way to Australia. The Australian or "kangaroo ballot," an honest listing of candidates, publicly printed and secretly marked, still is used today, whether on paper or by voting machines.

Thomas A. Edison's first patent in 1869 was for an electrical vote recorder. Mechanical voting machines, first tried in England in 1870, reached the United States in an election at Lockport, N. Y., in 1892. Jamestown, N. Y., not far away, still makes most of the world's voting machines.

Voters must be 21 in every State except Georgia. There the minimum is 18, established during World War II on the ringing theory that any one old enough to fight for his country is old enough to vote for it.

Women have had the Constitutional right to vote since the 19th amendment became effective in 1920. Far-off New Zealand gave women the vote 27 years earlier. The Territory of Wyoming first guaranteed woman suffrage in all elections in 1869. Today more women are eligible to vote in the United States than men.

## Second, Third Year Men Select Class Officers

Tommy Griggs was elected president of the 3rd year men and Charles Hollingsworth, vice-president and Doug Trainum, Secretary at a meeting held October 11.

Sheldon Quimby was named president of the 2nd. year men and Warren White, vice-president and Harry Sommers Secretary at another meeting held the same date.

These officers will supplement the additional men elected to fill the Honor Court—Jim Hassell, Bill Johnston and Jimmy Mahanes were the additional men named.

With the officers of the student body the Honor Court is now complete and have been functioning regularly since the opening of the school.

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## Ladies Home Journal Writes Up Former Augusta Instructor

Mr. Robert S. Hart, a former teacher of English at Augusta, was given a write-up in the October issue of Ladies Home Journal magazine.

Several months ago an article appeared in the same periodical giving an itemized budget for a

### Honored



R. S. Hart family with the income of \$5,000. Bob and his wife, Clara Belle, were discussing this budget and Clara Belle remarked that it was "about time that magazines should realize that not everyone earns that sum". Bob suggested that "she write the magazine and tell them just how she felt about the matter". Clara Belle did and they sent a representative and the article came as a result of the talk.

While at Augusta Bob taught English and was coach of the Debating team. Now he teaches at Woodrow Wilson Memorial High School, Fishersville, Va., and lives at Verona, Va., about 4 miles from the Academy.

Bob tells the story that he gave his seat (on a Greyhound Bus) that was bringing him to school one day to Clara Belle who was on her way to Madison College, Harrisonburg, Va. This meeting led to another and eventually they were married.

They have three children: Mary Jane (3), Suzanne (5) and Bobbie (8). Mary Jane had her name in print when she was but a few weeks old when her heart almost stopped beating and the doctors performed an emergency operation which saved her life.

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### ROOMS

In "J" Barracks we almost need to use a magic mirror to find the best room.

**Magis Mirror on the wall,  
Who has the bestest room of  
all?"**

Oranges are the prizes for best rooms. For a "whole week best room" we get to make popcorn.

Abdullah, McVey in room 344 and Luke Snyder with Womer in 343 make room competition much keener.

### BAND

The A.M.A. Band has four members in the Barracks.

### BIRTHDAYS

Don Link had a birthday—his mother brought a beautiful cake. It was very good.

Veterncourt celebrated his birthday with cake and candles, too.

McVey was twelve years old last Saturday. We all enjoyed his cake. His brother, also a cadet here, helped him celebrate.

Paul Jaeger was in the infirmary when he became nine. He is the youngest cadet this year.

### HALLOWEEN

The witches and goblins and all kinds of characters invaded "J" Barracks on Friday night, October 29th Capt. Lucas, Capt. and Mrs. Davis, Lt. Coleman and Lt. Suter were in charge.

Guests were Mrs. Lucas, Linda, Tommy and Joseph Lucas and Mrs. Thompson.

Mr. Womer, Freddy Womer's dad, had brought us some very extra ordinary decorations for the party. Mrs. Hunter, school bookkeeper, sent some fine decorations, too. We want to thank them for they helped make the party a success.

The treasure hunt was laid out by Capt. Lucas. The treasurer was found by Cadet Grammer.

Games were played. Much noise and laughter was thoroughly enjoyed by all. The cookies sent by Col. Roller was the high light of the evening.

## Mr. H. C. Rogers Dies, Formerly A.M.A. Supt. Buildings And Grounds

Mr. H. C. Rodgers, former Superintendent of Building and Grounds at Augusta for many years died suddenly at Western State Hospital, October 21. He had been stricken with a heart ailment the day before and his death came the next day.

Prior to his coming to Augusta to assume charge of buildings and grounds and to manage the Academy farm, he operated an extensive lumber business in Augusta and Highland Counties.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Dehlia Gutshall Rodgers who was former dietitian at Augusta and two children, Mary Louise and Steven Collins, a student at this school.

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Freddy Womer as a horse-head and all. Alan Cutright was the best looking girl you ever saw, Willis Lovell was his mother.

Johnny Margin was the biggest baby. If you don't believe us, ask Major Hoover to show you the pictures he had cadet Burrell take for him.

Tom Petty was a bull fighter; Terry Collins and Larry Spillan, clowns; Jack Lovell had a big nose; Buck a big tummy; Levin was a (?); Sam Spindel a coolie; John Bickford, Tommy and Norris Corbell, Dwight Nadreau, Stewart Garrett, Marker Lovell, Paul Jaeger, Parra, Tim Staudt, Manley Hubbard, David Rhode, Luke Snyder, Bill Crawford, Ricki Morgan, Roger Quimby, Bob Haynes all wore some kind of a "get-up" not indentified.

It was enjoyed by all of us Juniors. Hurray for Halloween.

## Halloween Has Origin In Old Church Custom

Go get those gorgeous gourds—the large yellow and orange pumpkins. The season of Jack-o-lanterns is drawing near.

Why is the sculptured pumpkin celebrated in America as the Chief symbol of hallowe'en? The answer to that question lies in the story of the confused ancestry of Hallowe'en itself.

To be certain, the jack-o-lantern does not have a connection with the church celebration which gave Hallowe'en its name. Many centuries ago the Catholic church in Europe established All Saint's Day and All Soul's Day. In honor of the Saints, the night before this two-day festival of worship was declared hallowed or holy.

The church father evidently hoped to mix that paganism of autumn festivals, then already ancient, with some enlightened Christmas customs. Out of it came our popular unofficial autumn Hallowe'en.

The tradition dates back to the ancient Greek and Romans. They always had gay festivals at this time. Some used pumpkins for the celebrations, some used jack-o-lanterns, and others a black cat as their symbol. These not only play the spooky part, but they also signify the harvest.

Hallowe'en is no longer the celebrated festival it once was in Europe. Pumpkins, a novelty in Europe during American colonial days, never have really become part of the old world's celebration. The pumpkin, jack-o-lantern, therefore, is an inseparable part of Hallowe'en only in the new world.

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